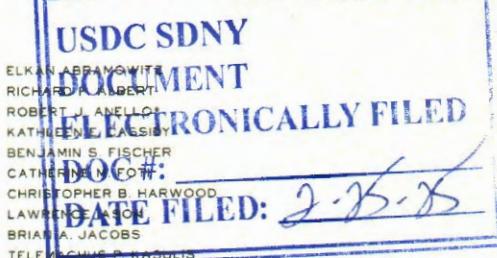


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VIA ECF

Hon. Lewis A. Kaplan
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United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street
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Re: *United States v. Yisroel Heber, et al.*, S1 24 Cr. 188 (LAK) (S.D.N.Y.)

Dear Judge Kaplan:

I represent Yisroel Heber in the above-referenced case. I write to respectfully request that the Court enter an order allowing Pretrial Services to release Mr. Heber's passport to Estrella Heber (Ms. Heber's wife) or a member of my firm. Mr. Heber's sentencing was held on December 11, 2024, and the Court sentenced Mr. Heber to a term of 15 months' imprisonment. Yesterday, Mr. Heber surrendered to the Bureau of Prisons to begin serving his sentence. Mr. Heber's assigned Pretrial Services Officer stated that Pretrial Services requires an order from the Court before it can release a passport. Neither the government nor Pretrial Services has an objection to this request.

I thank the Court for its consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Brian A. Jacobs

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cc: All counsel (by ECF)

SO ORDERED

Granted

LEWIS A. KAPLAN, USDJ

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